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SUBJECT: ORIGINAL KAVA BOWL USED-TREATY OF CESSION

DOTA NO.147-AS

DR. WILLIAM W. EDEL, PRESIDENT EMERITUS DICKINSON COLLEGE
AND FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IN AMERICAN SAMOA
FROM 1924-1926 ALSO SERVED AS HURRICANE RELIEF ADMINISTRA-
TOR FOR MANU'A ISLANDS IN 1926. DURING HIS WORK THERE
BECAME CLOSE FRIENDS WITH FORMER HIGH CHIEF TUI-OLOSEGA,
ONE OF THE SIGNERS OF THE TREATY OF CESSION OF MANU'A
ISLANDS AND USA. ONE OF CHERISHED POSSESSIONS OF HIGH
CHIEF TUI-OLOSEGA WAS THE ORIGINAL KAVA BOWL USED IN
CESSION SIGNING CEREMONIES. WHEN CAPTAIN EDEL LEFT
MANU'A, HIGH CHIEF TUI-OLOSEGA IN FORMAL
CEREMONY PRESENTED HIM THE CESSION KAVA BOWL AS MARK OF
HIGHEST ESTEEM AND OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS USA. PRESIDENT
EDEL HAS PRESERVED KAVA BOWL FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS AND NOW
OFFERS TO DONATE IT TO INTERIOR MUSEUM. WE HAVE SUGGESTED
THAT IT BE RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA TO BE
DISPLAYED IN OFFICIAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN PAGO PAGO.
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, AND THIS RETURN BE DONE BY UNDER SECRETARY JOSEPH DURING
INAUGURATION CEREMONY. DR. EDEL ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYWAY

HE COULD PERSONALLY MAKE PRESENTATION TO UNDER SECRETARY
AND GOVERNOR IN PAGO PAGO. THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN FUND
TRAVEL BUT GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA HAS MORE LEEWAY.
IN VIEW OF HISTORIC VALUE AND AS PART OF INAUGURATION

COULD GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA PROVIDE ROUND TRIP
FARE FROM SAN DIEGO TO PAGO PAGO. COST WOULD BE
DOLLARS 614.50. APPRECIATE CABLE REPLY. MRS. RUTH G.
VAN CLEVE, DIRECTOR, OTA, SENDS. VANCE

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